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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Official meetings

**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

### Security Council

10 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room GA-ISC-02

Programme of work

Other matters

### General Assembly

Sixty-fourth session

There will be an informal briefing by the Secretariat on the work of the upcoming session of the General Assembly *today*, 2 September 2010, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

### Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of September 2010 (Turkey) will provide a briefing to the press on the programme of the Security Council work for the month of August *today*, 2 September 2010, at 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Delegations can view the press briefing at the United Nations Webcast <www.un.org/webcast>.

The President of the Security Council will also provide a briefing for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on the programme of work for the month, *today*, 2 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/sc>, in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council dated 26 July 2010 (S/2010/507). Copies of the tentative forecast have also been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' pick-up areas, as of *today*, 2 September 2010.

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## General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Tuesday, 7 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 14 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development: report of the Secretary General (A/64/819) and draft resolution (A/64/L.62)); agenda item 16 (Question of Palestine: letter from the Chair of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/64/906)[1]); and agenda item 42 (Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/64/L.55/Rev.1)).

The Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Wednesday, 8 September 2010, at 10 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall, to consider agenda item 115 (The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy: report of the Secretary-General (A/64/818)).

[1]To be issued.

## General Assembly
Sixty-fourth session

The informal meeting of the plenary to mark the International Day against Nuclear Test will be held on Thursday, 9 September 2010, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB), *instead of the General Assembly Hall, as previously announced*. A note verbale from the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 30 August 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

## Protocol and security announcement

A briefing for delegations regarding protocol, security and organizational arrangements for the high-level meetings and the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (20–30 September 2010) will take place on Thursday, 9 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). *Permanent and observer missions are urged to be represented at the briefing.*

# General Assembly

**Committee on Conferences**
Substantive session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5 (NLB)

[*Note*: In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the substantive session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Mildred Fernandes, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail fernandes3@un.org).]

## Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Conference of States Parties**
Third session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 3rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

[*Note*: The list of side events on the occasion of the session can be consulted at <www.un.org/disabilities/documents/COP/COP3/COSP3_list_of_side_eventsfinal.doc>.]

## International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

**Meeting of States Parties**
Twenty-ninth Meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 35th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1 (NLB)

*Provisional agenda*

1. Opening of the meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General
2. Election of the Chair
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Election of other officers
5. Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 32 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of nine members of the Human Rights Committee to replace those whose terms are due to expire on 31 December 2010
6. Other matters

[*Note*: Pursuant to article 30, paragraph 4 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-third of the States Parties. As there are 165 States Parties to the Covenant, the quorum is 110 States Parties. In the past, meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.]

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund**
Second regular session 2010

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . 7th meeting . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

*UNDP segment*

1. UNDP country programmes and related matters . . . . [3]

Assistance to Myanmar – Note by the Administrator (DP/2010/36)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2010/37)

Draft country programme document for Burkina Faso (DP/DCP/BFA/2)

Draft country programme documents for Zambia (DP/DCP/ZMB/2)

Draft country programme document for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DP/DCP/PRK/3)

Draft country programme document for Indonesia (DP/DCP/IDN/2)

Draft country programme document for Maldives (DP/DCP/MDV/2)

Draft country programme document for Somalia (DP/DCP/SOM/2)

Draft country programme document for Chile (DP/DCP/CHL/2)

Draft country programme document for Uruguay (DP/DCP/URY/2)

2. Informal briefing on UNDP's response to floods in Pakistan

3–4 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

*UNOPS segment*

UNOPS . . . . [4]

Annual statistical report on the procurement activities of United Nations system, 2009 (DP/2010/38 and DP/2010/38/Corr.1)

4–5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Farewell ceremony for the UNFPA Executive Director

5–6 p.m. . . . . 8th meeting (resumed) . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

1. Other matters . . . . [9]
2. Organizational matters . . . . [1]

Report of the annual session 2010 (DP/2010/33)

Draft work plan for 2011 (DP/2010/CRP.3)

Tentative work plan for the first regular session 2011

[*Note:* There will be a briefing on the UNDP Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery strategic review *today*, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).]

[*Note:* The Western European and Other States Group will meet *today*, at 9 a.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).]

## General Assembly

**Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole to recommend a course of action to the General Assembly on the regular process for global reporting and assessment of the state of the marine environment, including socio-economic aspects**

The Ad hoc Working Group of the Whole, established pursuant to paragraph 178 of General Assembly resolution 64/71 of 4 December 2009, will meet *today*, 2 September 2010, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

### United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Twenty-sixth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 2 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Informal meetings of the General Assembly

**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

**Informal meeting on the review process of the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy**

3 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

## Other meetings

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**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

**Group of 77 (on oceans and the law of the sea)**

9–11 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8 (General Assembly Building)

**Group of 77 (on the 2010 High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals)**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6 (NLB)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10 (NLB)

**Group of 77 (on Third Committee matters)**

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B (NLB)

**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)**

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3 (NLB)

## Other activities

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**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

**UNITAR Migration and Development Series — "Migration and the MDGs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Population Fund and the MacArthur Foundation)**

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in *Conference Room E (NLB).*

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/event>. For further information, please contact Ms. Valeska Hesse, UNITAR (e-mail valessa.hesse@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; room DC1-603); or visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/ny/Migration-and-MDGs>.]

## Press conferences

*The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.*

**Thursday, 2 September 2010**

*Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium*

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ertuğrul Apakan (Turkey), President of the Security Council (on the programme of work for the month of September)

## Forthcoming official meetings

### General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

**High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly**
(20–22 September 2010)

All delegations wishing to participate in the round tables are kindly requested to inscribe with the List of Speakers, *in writing*, by facsimile (1 (212) 963-3783) or e-mail (muturi@un.org and heddachem@un.org), indicating the name and the level of the participant. Inscription, on a first-come, first-served basis, is open.

As stipulated in resolution 64/184 of 21 December 2009 (A/RES/64/184), the six round tables will be held as follows:

*Monday, 20 September*:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Round table 1* — Addressing the challenge of poverty, hunger and gender equality

From 3 to 6 p.m.

*Round table 2* — Meeting the goals of health and education

*Tuesday, 21 September*:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Round table 3* — Promoting sustainable development

From 3 to 6 p.m.

*Round table 4* — Addressing emerging issues and evolving approaches

*Wednesday, 22 September*:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*Round table 5* — Addressing the special needs of the most vulnerable

From 2 to 5 p.m.

*Round table 6* — Widening and strengthening partnerships

For each regional group, the distribution of its members for participation in each round-table session will be as follows:

(a) African States: ten Member States

(b) Asian States: ten Member States

(c) Eastern European States: five Member States

(d) Latin American and Caribbean States: seven Member States

(e) Western European and other States: six Member States

Each delegation may only participate in one round table and thus may wish to indicate three preferences when inscribing on the list.

## General Assembly

Sixty-fifth session

**Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 75 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries)**

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 75 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea: Sustainable fisheries) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly will be held from Tuesday, 14, to Friday, 17 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

## General Assembly

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Field Support to members of the Special Committee on the capability-driven approach to peacekeeping, on Tuesday, 7 September 2010, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

## Economic and Social Council
Informal "informal" consultations

Informal "informal" consultations, convened by the presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Malaysia) and facilitated by Mr. Zahid Rastam, on the process leading up to the election and on the method of election of the members of the newly established Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), will take place on Friday, 3 September 2010, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

### United Nations Children's Fund

**Executive Board**
Second regular session 2010

The second regular session 2010 of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 September 2010, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2010/15. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at <www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_53861.html>.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

## Forthcoming informal meetings of the General Assembly

**Informal meeting of the plenary on the organization of a United Nations World Youth Conference**

*Friday, 3 September 2010*, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[A letter from the Facilitator, dated 31 August 2010, was sent by facsimile to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

## Other forthcoming meetings

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**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (Third Committee experts)**

*Friday, 3 September 2010*, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

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**Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking (at the expert level)**

*Friday, 3 September 2010*, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room B (NLB).

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**Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Friday, 3 September 2010*, from 3.15 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

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**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)**

*Tuesday, 7 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

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**Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level)**

*Wednesday, 8 September 2010*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

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**UNITAR briefings for new delegates to the General Assembly**

**General briefing on the work of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly**
*Wednesday, 15 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

*Thursday, 16 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

**Special briefing on the work of the Second Committee**
*Friday, 17 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB);

**Special briefing on the work of the Third Committee**
*Friday, 17 September 2010*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB); and

**Special briefing on the work of the Fifth Committee**
*Friday, 17 September 2010*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Soukeyna Fall, UNITAR (e-mail falls@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

## Forthcoming other activities

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**Interactive briefings on "The Global Counter-Terrorism Initiative" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia and the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, Department of Political Affairs)**

*Friday, 3 September 2010*, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB); and

*Tuesday, 7 September 2010*, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The briefings are closed. For further information, please contact Dr. Rahima Abdul Rahman, Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia (e-mail rahima@saudimission.org; tel. 1 (212) 557-1525, ext. 1033).]

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**Informal consultations on the Plan of Action for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovakia)**

*Friday 3 September 2010*, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room E (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all Member States. For further information, please contact Ms. Eva Surkova, Permanent Mission of Slovakia (e-mail eva.surkova@mzv.sk; tel. 1 (646) 267-9954).]

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**UNITAR French-language workshop on "Effective negotiation in multilateral conferences"**

*Tuesday, 7 September 2010*, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m.; and

*Wednesday, 8 September 2010*, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room B (NLB).

[Open to all permanent and observer missions. To register, please visit the Web site <www.unitar.org/ny>. For further information, contact Ms. Gabrielle Goudiaby, UNITAR (goudiaby@unitarny.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

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**Briefing for delegations on "Airport courtesies" to the arrival and departure of Heads of State/Government and other senior officials coming to New York for the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (organized by the United States Mission)**

*Wednesday, 8 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[Administrative officers, heads of chancery and others responsible for ensuring the smooth arrival and departure of members of their respective delegations, including VIP delegates, are strongly urged to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Thomas J. Buda, United States Mission (e-mail BudaT@state.gov; tel. 1 (212) 415-4407).]

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**Special event on the occasion of International Literacy Day 2010 — "Literacy: An essential foundation for development" (co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP))**

*Wednesday, 8 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Michelle Freeouf, UNESCO New York Office (e-mail m.freeouf@unesco.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5985).]

**Seminar on "*Perspectives on Global Development 2010*: What implications does the 'shifting wealth' have for the LDCs?" (organized by the Office of the High Representative for the LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS (UN-OHRLLS), in cooperation with the OECD Development Center in Paris)**

*Monday, 13 September 2010*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Andrew Allimadi (e-mail allimadi@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-0730); or Ms. Myriam Kusayanagi (e-mail kusayanagi@un.org).]

**Prayer service on the occasion of the opening of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly (organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See and the Archdiocese of New York)**

*Thursday, 16 September 2010*, at 6 p.m., at the Church of the Holy Family (315 East 47th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See (tel. 1 (212) 370-7885).]

## Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

### Economic and Social Council

**United Nations Forum on Forests**

**Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing**
First meeting
Nairobi, Kenya (13–17 September 2010)

The first meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on Forest Financing (AHEG-1) will be held from Monday, 13, to Friday, 17 September 2010, in Nairobi, Kenya. Member States are requested to fax a note verbale, via their Permanent Missions in New York, to the UNFF secretariat, *as soon as possible*, informing the name(s) of their Government-designated expert(s) for participation in the AHEG-1 (1 (917) 367-3186). Additional information on registration is available on the following Web site <www.un.org/esa/forests/adhoc-forestfinance-registration.html>. For further information, please contact Ms. Ninon Thermidor (e-mail thermidor@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3261); or Ms. Edith Niamke (e-mail niamke@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4244).

# Announcements

## United Nations Regional Course in International Law

Applications for the United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held at Seoul National University, Republic of Korea, from 15 to 26 November 2010, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asian States. The deadline for applications is *Thursday, 9 September 2010.*

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including application forms, please consult the Regional Course Web site at <www.un.org/law/rcil/asia>; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

## Side events on the occasion of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly

Delegations and other interested parties are invited to submit their proposed side events for inclusion in the calendar of partnership events to be held in conjunction with the High-level Plenary Meeting. Please use the online form on the official Web site of the High-level Plenary Meeting <www.un.org/en/mdg/summit2010/events.shtml>. Information on where to submit requests for rooms is also available on the official Web site. For further information, please send an e-mail to hlpmevents@un.org. The tentative list of side events is now available on the official Web site.

## Security Council

### Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Offices of the Security Council Secretariat Branch (room 08083, 730 Third Avenue (between 45th and 46th Streets); tel. 1 (212) 963-5258).

### Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

### Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

### Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and

nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

**Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations***

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp>.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

# Summary of official meetings

**Wednesday, 1 September 2010**

## General Assembly

**Committee on Conferences**
Substantive session

508th meeting

*Translation and interpretation-related matters* . . . . . [6]

A videoconference on the theme "Outreach, including training and internships" was held with the participation of all four duty stations: New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi. An introductory statement was made by the Assistant Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. A statement, on behalf of New York, was made by the Director, Documentation Division, followed by statements from other duty stations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Côte d'Ivoire, Japan, Kenya, the Russian Federation and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Representatives of the Secretariat from all duty stations answered questions from the floor.

**Committee on Relations with the Host Country**

247th meeting — The Chair made a statement.

*Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures*

Statements were made by the representative of the United States and the observer for Nicaragua.

The Chair made a statement.

**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**Conference of States Parties**
Third session

1st–2nd meetings — The summary of the 1st and 2nd meetings of the Conference of States Parties will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2010/170).

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

**Treaty Event**

**Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation**

**2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation**

**United Nations Headquarters (21–23 and 27–28 September 2010)**

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events have been held annually at the Headquarters of the United Nations commencing with the Millennium Summit in 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from Tuesday, 21, to Thursday, 23 September, and on Monday, 27, and Tuesday, 28 September 2010, at United Nations Headquarters, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly.

The Event, entitled "2010 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties of global reach such as human rights, terrorism, penal matters, disarmament, climate change and the protection of United Nations personnel. In particular, this year will highlight a theme which celebrates and safeguards life on earth, biodiversity. 2010 marks the International Year of Biodiversity; it also marks the start of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification, another global issue requiring a global response.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.243.2010.TREATIES-3 of 28 April 2010. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign, ratify or accede to any of the treaties could notify and provide copies of full powers/instruments in advance to the Treaty Section.

Further information concerning the 2010 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

**International Cocoa Agreement, 2001**

**Geneva, 25 June 2010**

**Opening for signature**

In accordance with its article 54, the above Agreement shall be open for signature in New York from 1 October 2010 until 30 September 2012, by parties to the International Cocoa Agreement, 2001, and Governments invited to the United Nations Conference, 2010.

Certified true copies of the Agreement, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Agreement could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (380 Madison Avenue, New York; e-mail depositaryCN@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address <treaties.un.org>.

# General information

## Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2010* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States:*
Lesotho
H.E. Mr. Motlatsi Ramafole

*Asian States:*
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